

Judge Dickey, and old line Whig, favorable to the election of Douglas, made a speech a few days since at Decatur, Illinois, in which he related that, in April, he was at Washington, and while there had a conversation with Senator Crittenden, the substance of which is contained in the following letter from that gentleman:—Cincinnati Commercial.

FRANKFORD, August 1, 1858.

My Dear Sir:—I received, some days ago, your letter of the 19th of last month, in which you state the substance of a conversation between us, in relation to Judge Douglas, as said to have taken place in April last, at the city of Washington. You ask if your statement of it is correct, and my reply is that it is correct, and that I am sorry to hear that you have not been able to get it into print, as I have been so busy with other matters, that I have not had time to do so.

I remember well the conversation to which you allude, and the substance of it. It occurred at Washington during the last session of Congress, and most probably in April, though I cannot say that I remember the month. Your statement of that conversation, with very slight exceptions, corresponds with my recollection of it. As you state in your letter, I did not at that time speak of Senator Douglas in high and warm terms. I said, in substance, that the people of Illinois little knew how much they really owed him; that he had the courage and the patriotism to take an elevated, just, and independent position on the Lecompton question, at the sacrifice of interesting social relations, as well as of old party ties and associations, and in defiance of the power and influence of an angry Administration; supported by a dominant party, and discharging a service of some \$80,000,000 a year; that, for this noble conduct, he had been almost overwhelmed with denunciations; that the attacks made upon him in the debates of the Senate were far more personal and fierce; that, throughout the almost entire session, he must have felt the consciousness that he was in daily danger of being assailed in debate as to force him into altercations and quarrels that might in their consequences involve the loss of his honor or the hazard of his life. That, notwithstanding all this, he had kept his course steadily and firmly; and that, throughout the whole struggle, he had borne himself gallantly. That there was, as seemed to me, a heroism in his courage that deserved approbation, if not applause.

In the above statement I have rather confined myself to those particulars of our conversation suggested by your letter, than attempted to detail the whole of that conversation, which embraced much more, but the above statement contains, as well as I recollect, the substance of our conversation, and whatever else was said in accordance with it. This conversation with you, sir, formed but a part of many other conversations of a like character, which I had on the same subject, during the last session of Congress. In these conversations I did, among other things, express my high opinion and appreciation of the conduct of Judge Douglas on the Lecompton question. I expressed it frequently, freely and openly, and was anxious who might hear or repeat it. Under these circumstances, I do not feel that it would be improper to object to your speaking of our conversation, when I have myself so frequently and so publicly declared the whole substance of it.

I have thus answered your letter, as I felt myself bound in duty to do. I must all, however, that I do not wish to be an officious intermeddler in your election, or even to appear to be so, and I therefore request you to speak of our conversation at Washington, or of this letter, you would do me the justice to explain, and to acquit me of any such voluntary meddling, or of the presumption of seeking to intrude myself or my sentiments upon the attention of the people of Illinois. I am, with great respect, yours, &c.

J. J. CRITTENDEN.

T. LEE DICKEY, Esq.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

WASHINGTON, October 25.—The State Department has not received officially for written anything concerning General Walker's movements. The orders however heretofore issued to the federal officers to prevent the violation of any of the neutrality laws still remain in full force. J. Glancy Jones leaves on his mission to Austria in November. By his return from Congress, Mr. Phelps of Missouri, a free trade Democrat, is first on the list of the Committee of Ways and Means, and if Parliamentary usage be followed he will be its chairman at the next session.

THE OPPOSITION IN KENTUCKY.—The spirit of harmony and conciliation in the ranks of the Opposition majority of the people is spreading from State to State, and gathering strength and consistency as time and opportunity develop the advantages and the utility of the movement. Wherever the Opposition unite they are successful, where they remain divided, the party of the Administration are enabled to beat their minority candidates by a plurality vote. The experience of the past should be our index and guide for the future.

This is the view taken of the matter, we are glad to discover, by some leading statesmen and prominent members of the old Whig party in Kentucky. The first number of the Louisville Journal contains a call for a Union Opposition Convention to meet on the 23d of next February, in Louisville for the purpose of nominating candidates for Governor and other state officers. The invitation is extended to "Americans and Old Line Whigs of Kentucky, and all others who are desirous of uniting in the overthrow of the corrupt administration of the General Government."

The Journal seconds the call in some pertinent and encouraging remarks, and says:—"Cin. Times." "There is no good reason why there should not be a union of the Opposition strength in Kentucky, and union is unquestionably necessary to success. With it we shall carry the state by an old fashioned majority and the foundation be laid broad and deep for a great national triumph in 1860."

The Great Prize Fight.

(Special Dispatch to the Commercial.)

BUFFALO, Oct. 21, 1858.

Eds. Com.—The fight between Jim Morrissey and Henan, the Benicia Boy, came off at Long Point, Canada, eighty miles from Buffalo, Wednesday afternoon. Twelve hundred persons were present. The first round lasted seven minutes, and was one of the most slashing on record. Morrissey was terribly cut up, but at the close the Benicia Boy broke the knuckles of his left hand against a stake, Morrissey having dodged the blow. Eleven severe wounds were fought in twenty-two minutes when the Benicia Boy was declared the winner, and Morrissey was declared the winner, although he exhibited more symptoms of punishment than his opponent.

The party returned to Buffalo at 3 o'clock this morning.

BUFFALO, Oct. 21.—The fight between Henan and Morrissey on Long Point, Canada, yesterday, commenced at twenty minutes before 4 o'clock. Henan made off to the ground, that it was not according to agreement, but as so many had come so far to see the fight, he would waive objection and fight on that point. The first round was a terrible fight, lasting seven minutes, Henan throwing Morrissey and drawing the first blood.

Second round.—Morrissey thrown. Third.—Henan thrown. Fourth both won. Morrissey knocked down by a blow on the under jaw from Henan's right. Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth rounds.—Henan thrown. Ninth.—Both fighting wildly and very much confused. They both fell side by side. Tenth.—Henan down. Eleventh Morrissey very weak and carried to the scratch. Henan goes alone. A terrific round; Henan falls, fainting.

Twelfth.—Morrissey carried to the scratch. Henan to faint—failed to come to time. The battle was declared won by Morrissey. Eleven rounds fought in twenty-two minutes. Both Henan and Morrissey very badly cut, and had to be brought away on beds. The fight was witnessed by between two and three thousand persons. There was no disturbance among the spectators.

It is understood that Henan offers to fight Morrissey again for a heavy purse.

Details of Mexican News.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 25.—The New Orleans papers received here, contain the particulars of the defeat of Vidauri by Miramon. The former was not on the field when the engagement commenced, and his army appears to have been attacked without his knowledge and prepared for it. The rumors at Brownsville were that the defeated army lost 400 men killed, and that 2,000 were taken prisoners, with artillery and provisions.

An express from Monterey to Matamoros, however, says that their loss was not so great and that only a portion of the artillery and ammunition were captured by Miramon's forces, and that the Liberal party made its retreat from the field in good order. An official paper received at Monterey, says that Vidauri has already sent orders to the commander of Tampico for another park of artillery, where there is plenty to hand, which will be sure to be in the field, together with the many forces concentrating about Vidauri, to renew the attack. Col. Guadalupe Garcia was to leave Tampico on the 21st inst. for the interior, with three hundred infantry and three pieces of artillery.

Marjorie Tribune.

Sugar Cane—Cook's Evaporator.

Mr. Editor:—Prompted by a wish to further reform, and to aid in the dissemination of light and knowledge that will improve and meliorate the condition of man do I now write. The Chinese Sugar Cane is destined to become the Physical Redeemer of the North. The only impediment to its becoming a staple production of our Northern latitude is or has been the lack of apparatus adapted to a pure and speedy graining of the syrup. That lack is now supplied by Cook's Evaporator. The use of this Evaporator will obviate every difficulty in the sugaring process, and render the cane one of the most profitable productions of our soil.

This invention was patented in June last, and consists of a pan, the bottom of which is interspersed with flanges and apertures and a furnace connected, and mounted on rollers so as to regulate the boiling process. The juice is let in at one end of the pan, and in its transference passes to the other end, about twenty minutes only are required to reduce the sap to a consistency to be put in vats or tubs for draining. A pan, with the capacity of reducing three barrels of sap per hour, can be got up for about twenty dollars. "Myself and partner had the pleasure of spending a few days with the inventor of this invaluable machine, at his residence, near Matfield O. His proficiency for discovery in philosophical mechanism is strong and supported by scientific knowledge, and acute perceptive faculties. This knowledge, and these facilities have been made to bear, in part, for the last three years upon the much mooted question, "By what process can the Chinese Sugar Cane be converted into sugar without involving too much time and expense?" Those experiments have most fortunately resulted in the development of a contrivance which affords a simple and sure process by which the cane juice may be converted to molasses that will be as transparent as the whitest honey; which by draining will yield the first quality of sugar.

Mr. Cook is a practical farmer, and a scientific student of nature. In the laboratory of his philosophic brain, another contrivance of immense power and utility is matured, which when evolved, and made to bear upon practical life will effect a greater revolution in the commercial and in the social world than steam and electricity have yet done. T. M. EWING. Cook's Evaporator, of which Mr. Ewing speaks is the same we noticed a few weeks ago. The right of the county belongs to Mr. John Brannan, of Lehigh, to whom all interested are referred.—[Ed. Tribune.]

Books.—On extending our reflections.

On books, we will, in passing, take a very brief notice of newspapers, and periodicals. Had we time and space, fully to portray the corruptions and prostitutions, to which the press has been lowered, we rather think we could not do the matter justice, with out betraying some temper. We will pass the subject over as lightly as we can for the present, leaving to the common sense of every reader, to approve or condemn, according to his own better judgment. We are in this place, especially, to the sectional and sectarian ends attempted to be gained, through the influence of the press. Confining what we have to say to its literary character.

The family newspaper, to fill the claims set up for by the publisher, should have its columns filled up, with well written articles on Science, Agriculture, Horticulture, Ethics, Religion, good breeding, good manners, advice to the young. Civil Government, general essays on the moral, social and civil duties of citizens, and upon general education. Instead of these, we have Alice's First Love, Laura's Seduction. The elopement. The abduction of a beautiful betrothed maiden, by the pirates. An encounter with the banditti &c. Or, perhaps we are served with a few details of prefigured licentious young men, who end their career on the gallows, in the prison, or in general disgrace to themselves and friends. Then comes our dear weeklies, of which, scarcely a family is found destitute. These Mammoth sheets are gotten up on the ready pay system, cheap, because they can sell 100,000 copies each week, and for the sole object of publishing cheap literature! They seldom contain a sensible, well written article, that might be characterized for common sense, clarity, or any kind of useful instruction. And yet every one can find a dollar to pay for them, which if the book seller were to offer them Comb's Constitution of man; Wayland's moral science; Alcott's advice to young ladies and gentlemen, or Fredley's practical treatise on business, they would feel too poor to spare the dollar, the price any one of them. Of monthly periodicals, we have a few, of a highly literary and moral character. Little's Living Age, the Ladies Visitor &c. But space forbids us from specifying. The majority of them are of the same character as the weeklies we have been describing, some of them even more pernicious. Harpers for instance, if you strike out the monthly record of current events, the editors table, and notes of travel sometimes found in it, there is nothing left for any rational mind to consult—time upon. Peterson's, has never yet presented to my eye, an article, possessing merit enough to bear reading. But it is not our business, to review, but to generalize. To us have we attempted to portray the quality of the literature, provided for the youth of the middle of the nineteenth century of the Christian era, and we feel sure, we have not over drawn the profile.

A severe, and right censorship, ought to be passed upon all books, or papers, by parents and guardians, before they are read by their children, or wards. It is painful, to witness the real and even church members, yield their assent to the circulation of this deleterious kind of literature. Many of them are actively engaged in circulating it for gain, or some other mercenary purpose.

Books proper to be read in the family, should pass the ordeal of a close inspection, by competent judges. And all such should be excluded, as do not sustain morality, religion and truth. The Bible, especially the new testament, ought to be a common book of study. All adopted books of science, books of travel, Biographies of eminent men who have led exemplary lives. Commentaries. Reviews. All authentic histories, and religious works. The reading of sectarian books, cannot be inhibited, because the diversity of opinion upon theology cannot be reconciled. Hence all religious books, that sustain the fundamental doctrines of morality, virtue and truth, are permissible. HOMO.

How the President Likes the Election Returns.

"Occasional," of the Philadelphia Press in his latest letter says: It is difficult to depict the consternation and dismay caused in official circles here by the result of your election. The utter rout that has taken place was totally unexpected. The king who, when he opened his black bird pie found five and twenty occupants singing melodiously was not more taken aback than Mr. Buchanan when he discovered that of the five and twenty Congressmen of his native State at two favorable to his Kansas policy had been elected. The President could have borne without a pang the loss of almost any other state, but to be thus rebuffed and repudiated by the Commonwealth of which he was so long the favorite son is a terrible blow, and puts him in a very bad humor. The indignities over the defeat of G. Lacey Jones are really distressing. It is currently reported that the President badly endeavored to figure up a majority for his distinguished favorite, but all in vain the figure of Schwartz would loom up. Judge Black is not in his usual talkative and amiable mood. He mind is too much occupied with State affairs.

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NOTICE is hereby given, that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the Probate Court of Fairfield County, Administrator of the Estate of Baldwin McNulty, deceased. He hereby gives notice that he will receive and pay all claims against the said estate, and will also receive and pay all claims due to the said estate, on or before the 1st day of November next. ROBERT BRINKERHOFF. October 21, 1858—3w2d.

Notice to the Stockholders of the Cincinnati, Wilmington and Zanesville Railroad Company.

THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE CINCINNATI, WILMINGTON AND ZANESVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY, are hereby notified, that a meeting of the Board of Directors, for the purpose of electing a new Board, will be held at the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, on Tuesday, the 28th day of October, 1858, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The business to be transacted at said meeting, is the election of a new Board of Directors, and the consideration of the report of the old Board. Resolved, that a special notice be published for a meeting of the Stockholders, at Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 28th day of October, 1858, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of electing a new Board of Directors, and the consideration of the report of the old Board. The substance of the arrangement referred to in said resolution, is as follows: That a meeting of the Board of Directors, for the purpose of electing a new Board, will be held at the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, on Tuesday, the 28th day of October, 1858, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The business to be transacted at said meeting, is the election of a new Board of Directors, and the consideration of the report of the old Board. Resolved, that a special notice be published for a meeting of the Stockholders, at Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 28th day of October, 1858, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of electing a new Board of Directors, and the consideration of the report of the old Board.

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For the Lancaster Gazette.

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To the Editor of the Lancaster Gazette.—The undersigned persons of the Pleasant Township Seminary, take this method of expressing their satisfaction with the above institution, which has closed its first half session. O. being present at the examination of the pupils, we were well